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LINEBACKER Al Harris (90) is back with the Bears after a one-year absence due to a contract dispute. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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Commentary



By
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QB's A Luxury For Ditka

Mike Tomczak's performance Saturday night against the Indianapolis Colts has got to make Mike Ditka feel better with his number one quarterback, Jim McMahon, on the sidelines.

Right now Ditka has three quarterbacks that can do the job, and that has to be a great luxury for him. Tomczak's second straight star performance included three touchdown passes and pin-point throwing as he completed nine of 11 attempts in the second half.

And don't forget about Steve Fuller's play toward the end of the first half. At first, Fuller had a rough time in the game, but he showed some poise and maturity by coming back with some good plays toward the end of the half to give the Bears a comfortable halftime lead.

The only thing Ditka has to worry about with his quarterbacks is to try to get McMahon ready in time for the regular season opener against Cleveland Sept. 7. But if he isn't ready, Tomczak and Fuller are ready to do the job.

The fact that the Bears have rolled up over 30 points in two of their three exhibition games so far is really a tribute to the offense. The offense is usually behind the

defense at this point in the season, and for the Bears to have that kind of success on offense already is a sign of good things to come.

And then, of course, there is the defense. It has picked up right where it left off last season. Against the Colts, the Bears forced three turnovers, an interception by Vestee Jackson and fumble recoveries by Reggie Phillips and Wilber Marshall.

Some excellent individual performances were turned in by Tom Sanders and Dennis Gentry, who caught five passes for 81 yards and a touchdown. Gentry has really come a long way and is a real asset to the Bears when he is on the field. The Bears need to utilize his full capabilities.

All in all, it's the same story as last year. The offense is rolling up the points and the defense is playing mean and stingy. The Bears are so deep it doesn't matter who is playing. They're all doing so well and it's sad that some of them will have to be cut because they're all good players.

The Bears are doing the same things that won them the Super Bowl last year. And it looks like they're on their way again.



DENNIS GENTRY made all the right moves against the Indianapolis Colts, so Mike Ditka decided to try him at wide receiver against St. Louis. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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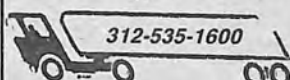
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Bears Roll Past Colts Behind Tomczak

by Michael Polzin
Editor

Could someone tell the Bears this is only the pre-season?

Or better yet, could someone tell quarterback Mike Tomczak that he isn't supposed to be in midseason form yet?

Tomczak came into the Bears' game Saturday night against the Indianapolis Colts at Soldier Field in the second half to throw three touchdown passes and help lead the Bears to an easy 38-21 win.

Tomczak moved the ball like a seasoned veteran, and the Bear defense gave the crowd a repeat performance of its championship season in its first home appearance since the NFC playoffs last year by forcing three turnovers by the Colts.

Saturday's game was the second pre-season contest in a row the Bears rolled over their opponent and was the team's third straight victory in the pre-season.

But even the latest Bear stomping didn't have Chicago coach Mike Ditka totally satisfied with his team.

"A lot of people played well but earlier we didn't play well," he said. "I don't understand it. I don't think it's any indication of how good we are. It's just a game that happened that way."

What please Ditka the most about the game was the effort shown by his team.

"The guys played hard," he said. "And the coaches did a good job with the young kids because when they played they understood what was going on out there and they played hard. That's what I liked about it."

And Ditka had to be impressed for the second game in a row with Tomczak. Tomczak was sharp throughout the second half after taking over for starter Steve Fuller. Tomczak completed nine of 11 passes for 115 yards without an interception. Number one quarterback Jim McMahon was on the sidelines in street clothes during the game with a groin muscle injury.

Tomczak credited his performance to his return to the



MIKE TOMCZAK was able to complete this pass to Dennis Gentry despite getting hit by the Colts' Chris Scotts. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

fundamentals.

"It was time for me to get back to the basics," he said. "That's all that coach asks is give 100 percent and that's what I'm trying to do."

Tomczak's effort definitely was good enough. After Chicago built a 17-7 halftime lead Tomczak led the Bears to a touchdown on the second half's opening series. The drive lasted 7:35, going 81 yards in 13 plays.

Tomczak completed four passes on the drive, three to Dennis Gentry and the final one, a 12-yard pass, to David Williams for the score.

The Tomczak-Gentry duo also was working later in the quarter when the two connected for two completions in a five-play, 53-yard scoring drive to make the score 31-7 with just over a minute left in the third quarter. The score came on a one-yard touchdown pass from Tomczak to Gentry.

Tomczak's performance did come against the second string defense, so Ditka decided after the game Tomczak would start against the St. Louis Cardinals in next week's game at Soldier Field.

"I hope his performance is as it was the last couple of weeks," Ditka said. "I've been tremendously impressed at what I've seen. He's come back to give me all the confidence that I had in him a year ago. He's got a great arm and he's been able to do things that make you look twice."

Ditka has also noticed a change in Tomczak since the opening of camp.

"The other thing is early in camp he forced the ball," Ditka said. "He tried to be impressive. He's not trying that anymore and he's doing well. And I'm happy for him."

"And I was happy for Steve. Those last two drives we moved the ball. We didn't protect very well early. And we were trying to throw to some patterns 15 and 20-yards deep, and that's not our forte."

Fuller, however, didn't have any excuses for his performance, in which he completed just five of 17 attempts for 49 yards.

"I was so bad and it reflected on the team when it shouldn't have because it's basically a one-man show," Fuller said. "I think Tomczak deserves to start next week. I certainly can't argue with it because I haven't gotten the job done. I think it's well deserved. The guy's playing as well as anybody right now."

But this season has not been a good one for Fuller so far.

"I've been fairly stable the last couple years and right now it's just not there," he said. "After eight years in the

league there are a lot of things I shouldn't be doing that I am. I don't have a lot of confidence right now. So it's been kind of a struggle all year. Playing quarterback is about 95 percent confidence at this level. It's just not there for me now and I don't know what it is."

One guy who is gaining confidence is Gentry. The running back will get a closer look from Ditka at wide receiver this week after catching five passes in Saturday's game for 81 yards, including a 43-yard pass play that he almost broke for a touchdown. Gentry also added 20 yards on the ground.

But if catching passes means more playing time than when running the ball Gentry will be more than willing to do it.

"It'll give me an opportunity to get on the field and help the team get to where we were last year," he said. "Wherever he puts me I'm going to give 100 percent. If I do go out there to wide receiver I'm going to be committed to it and do my best."

Ditka plans on having Gentry practice at wide receiver this week and play that position against the Cardinals on Saturday.

A good battle has continued for the punting job. Both Maury Buford and rookie John Teltschik kicked the ball well again against the Colts.

Teltschik, punting in the first half, averaged 43 yards on four kicks, and Buford averaged 53.5 yards on two kicks. Buford's long punt of the night was 54 yards, and Teltschik connected for a 57-yard punt in the game.

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NEAL ANDERSON was on the sidelines at the Indianapolis game after signing a contract with the Bears earlier in the week. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Bears-Colts Official Stats

SCORING SUMMARY

Indianapolis Colts	0	7	0	14	—	21
Chicago Bears	7	10	14	7	—	38

C.B., 1, Payton, 1-yd. run (Butler kick) (10-39)
 I.C., 2, McGregor, 3-yd. pass from Hogeboom (White kick) (1-3)
 C.B., 2, Butler, 44-yd. field goal (7-36)
 C.B., 2, Ortego, 9-yd. pass from Fuller (Butler kick) (2-24)
 C.B., 3, Williams, 12-yd. pass from Tomczak (Butler kick) (13-81)
 C.B., 3, Gentry, 1-yd. pass from Tomczak (Butler kick) (5-53)
 C.B., 4, E. Jones, 11-yd. pass from Tomczak (Butler kick) (7-30)
 I.C., 4, Gill, 1-yd. run (White kick) (7-80)
 I.C., 4, Harbour, 20-yd. pass from Trudeau (White kick) (4-49)
 Weather: Hazy & humid, temperature 73°, wind and direction: SE 12 62%
 Attendance: tickets distributed 66,030; time: 3:16

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Colts	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	14	23
By Rushing	2	10
By Passing	12	11
By Penalty	0	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	5-14	7-16
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-0	2-2
TOTAL NET YARDS	305	288
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	58	75
Av. Gain per Off. Play	5.3	3.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	47	149
Total Rushing Plays	17	43
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	2.8	3.5
NET YARDS PASSING	258	139
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	2-17	4-25
Gross Yds. Passing	275	164
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	39-19-1	28-14-0
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	6.3	4.3
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	7-48.7	6-46.5
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	139	139
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	3-16	5-87
No. and Yds. KO Returns	7-123	2-39
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	0-0	1-13
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	9-79	1-10
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	2-2	2-1
TOUCHDOWNS	3	5
Rushing	1	1
Passing	2	4
Returns	0	0
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	3-3	5-5
FG MADE — ATT.	0-1	1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	23:27	36:33

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Indianapolis Colts

	Att.	Net	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING						
McMillan	5	14	2.8	8	0	
Wonsley	3	7	2.3	3	0	
Hogeboom	1	7	7.0	7	0	
Bentley	1	6	6.0	6	0	
Gill	5	4	0.8	4	1	
Trudeau	2	9	4.5	7	0	

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had
PASSING								
Hogeboom	23	12	149	2/17	1	25	1	
Trudeau	16	7	126	0/0	1	22	0	

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
PASS RECEIVING				
McMillan	4	45	17	0
Beach	1	5	5	0
Capers	2	26	20	0
Boyer	1	25	25	0
Wonsley	1	21	21	0
Harbour	1	20	20	1
Bentley	1	9	9	0
McGregor	1	3	3	1
Bouza	1	15	15	0
Sherwin	2	20	21	0
O. Williams	4	78	22	0

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
INTERCEPTIONS				
None				

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Starks	7	341	48.7	0	1	61

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
PUNT RETURNS					
Bouza	0	1	0	0	0
Brooks	3	1	16	9	0
*Touchback	1				

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Nichols	4	63	24	0
Brooks	2	50	31	0
Bentley	1	10	10	0

	Fum.	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.
FUMBLES				
Beach	1	0	0	0
McMillan	1	0	0	0
Thompson	0	1	19	

Chicago Bears

	Att.	Net	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING						
Payton	10	38	3.8	11	1	
Fuller	3	25	8.3	11	0	
Suhey	5	11	2.2	5	0	
Thomas	3	10	3.3	5	0	
Gentry	9	20	2.2	5	0	
Tomczak	1	7	7.0	7	0	
Sanders	3	5	1.6	7	0	
Finck	1	3	3.0	3	0	
Jones	4	20	5.0	9	0	
Powell	4	10	2.5	6	0	

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had
PASSING								
Fuller	17	5	49	4/25	1	15	0	
Tomczak	11	9	115	0/0	3	43	0	

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
PASS RECEIVING				
McMichael	1	7	7	0
Suhey	2	26	15	0
Payton	1	7	7	0
Ortego	1	9	9	1
Gentry	5	81	43	1
P. Williams	1	12	12	1
Walton	1	2	2	0
Thomas	1	9	9	0
E. Jones	1	11	11	1

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
INTERCEPTIONS				
Jackson	1	13	13	0

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Teltschik	4	172	43.0	0	0	57
Buford	2	107	53.5	1	1	54

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
PUNT RETURNS					
Barnes	5	1	87	30	0
*Downed	1				



COLT RUNNING BACK Owen Gill is stopped close to the line by the Bears' Dan Rains (left) and Al Harris. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Sanders	2	39	27	0
*onside recovered by Colts				

	Fum.	Own	Opp.	Rec.
FUMBLES				
Phillips	0	0	1	
Hilgenberg	1	0	0	
Fuller	1	1	0	
Marshall	0	0	1	

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(Unofficial)

Colts

	T	A	SK	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Chambers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glasgow	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hooper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radachowsky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanchez	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gethers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sims	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bickett	3	0	1	5	0	0	0
Chatman	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krauss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ahrens	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Battle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lowey	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broughton	1	0	1	6	0	0	0
Hand	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haines	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leiding	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooks	2	0	1	7	0	0	0
Thompson	4	0	1	7	0	0	0

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Youth Doesn't Bother Ditka

Mike Ditka played immediately as a rookie with the Bears and made the Pro Bowl at the end of the year. It immediately shaped his attitude about youth and ability in the National Football League.

In Dallas, he saw coach Tom Landry go to the 1975 Super Bowl with 12 rookies. He saw him turn over personnel steadily even after Super Bowl victories. Young players didn't scare him.

DITKA YANKED JIM Covert out of his fourth NFL game because he was getting beat. Bears' offensive line coach Dick Stanfel tried to remind Ditka that Covert was just a kid. Ditka didn't look at it that way. Covert was just a good player who was getting beat.

"I never thought of Jimbo Covert as a rookie," said Ditka. "He was better than half the tackles in the league the day he stepped on the field."

Youth is no excuse to Ditka. It is no barrier. He scoffs

them a chance. If Lew Barnes didn't understand that before the Pittsburgh exhibition, he understood it afterwards.

After fumbling away two punts and mishandling a third, Barnes stood in the locker room clutching a game ball he wasn't about to drop. He had returned his final punt 54 yards for a touchdown that sealed the Bears' 33-13 victory.

MINUTES EARLIER, HE had left the field clutching his hands to his helmet in despair after losing his second fumble. Barnes is only 5-8, but he felt a lot smaller than that. The only thing that seemed smaller were the chances of the fifth-round draft choice to make the team.

"I said to myself, 'That did it. I know I'm going out now,'" said Barnes. "I kind of hung around coach Kazor to see if I'd get the call."

Special teams coach Steve Kazor asked Ditka: "Have you seen enough?"

"**LEAVE HIM** in," said Ditka.

"He sees things other people don't see," said Kazor. "I think if it had been a regular season game, he would have been choking me."

"He's too good," explained Ditka. "We might have a threat. We might have something special."

BARNES CAN NEVER say he didn't get a shot.

Ditka had to release more than a dozen prospects this week. It's the one part of his job he hates.

"I think I'll leave town and let Vainisi cut them," said Ditka. "We give guys a chance to prove they're good football players without cutting them in four or five days. If you looked at some of these kids three weeks ago, they didn't look very good, but they look a heckuva lot better now."

THE BEARS HAD five rookie draft choices and three rookie free agents on their roster for the Super Bowl last year.

This year, Ditka said he wouldn't doubt that seven rookies would make the team.

"I try to explain to everyone that it's foolish to think they have a job made," said Ditka. "We have to get better in backup positions. If your backup people can't eventually start for you, you've got problems."

ONE OF THE 'backup' people Ditka mentions first is second-year linebacker Jim Morrissey.

"He's given us a great camp," said Ditka.

As a rookie last season, Morrissey rarely got to practice in Ryan's scheme. Ryan prefers his youngsters to sit

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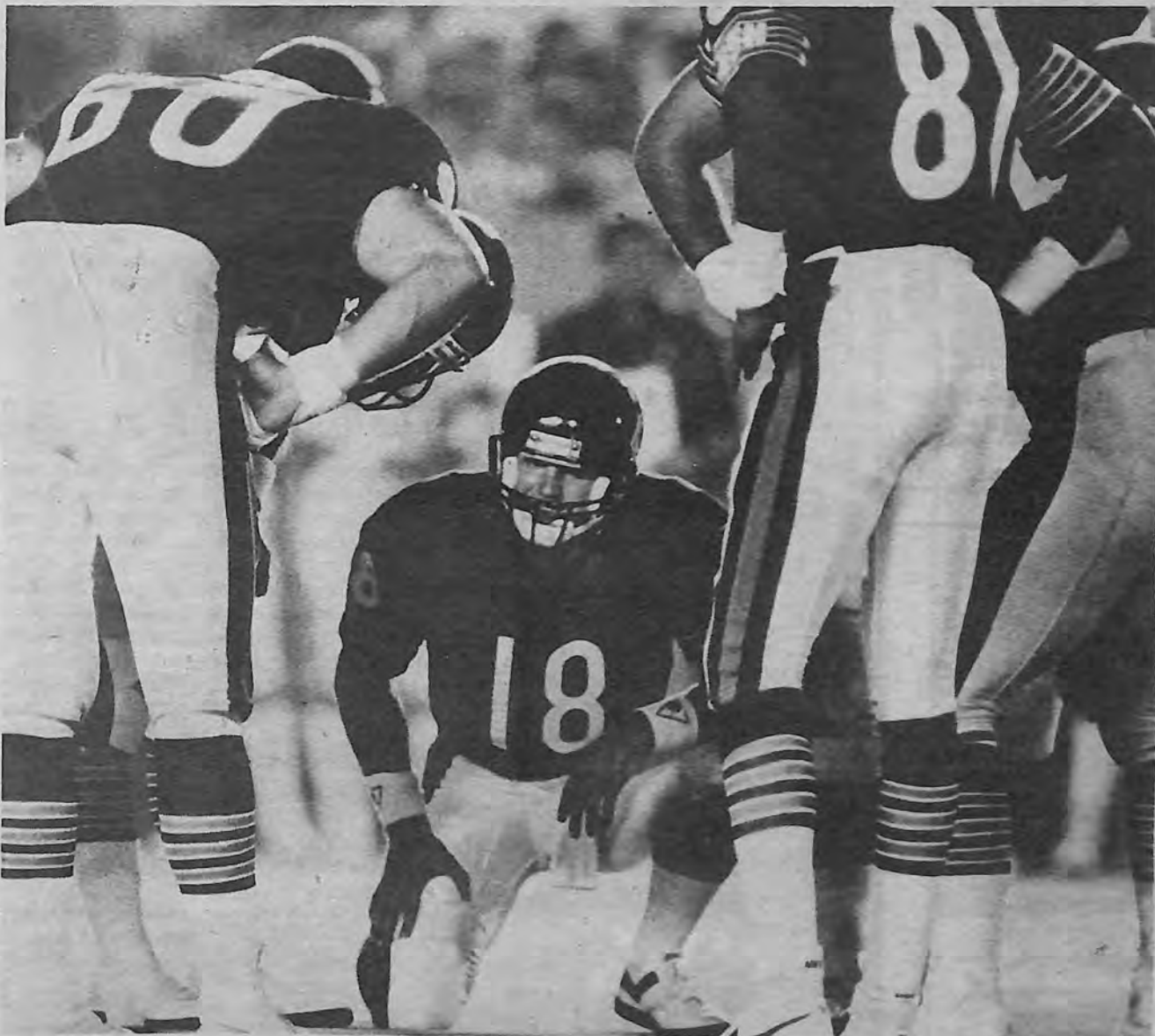


By
Don
Pierson

at the old theory that quarterbacks in particular needed several years of seasoning before a coach could safely allow them to step onto a field. He scoffed at former defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan for refusing to allow rookies on-the-job training.

THE BEARS HAD the youngest team in the National Football Conference last year and one of the youngest in the league. They were undoubtedly the best team.

In 1986, they might get younger. Ditka believes so strongly in young players that he goes overboard to give



AFTER ANOTHER GOOD performance against Indianapolis, quarterback Mike Tomczak is getting a lot of attention from players and fans. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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patiently, watch, study, and learn. It infuriated Ditka, who prefers to throw players into the fire.

THE YEAR BEFORE, Ditka did a slow burn when Ryan kept rookie Wilber Marshall on the bench behind Al Harris. Ryan explained Harris was doing the job and Marshall would make too many mistakes. Since the Bears finished No. 1 in defense, Ditka had a difficult time arguing.

One of the most memorable moments of the Super Bowl triumph for Ditka was to see Morrissey intercept a pass late in the game. Another memorable sight was to see rookie cornerback Reggie Phillips return an interception for a touchdown.

Ditka feels even better about the cornerback position since this year's second-round pick, Vestee Jackson, reported to camp.

TIGHT END, STILL Ditka's favorite position to watch, provides a good example of Ditka's enthusiasm for youth and new blood.

"I have five tight ends I wouldn't be afraid to line up and play with," said Ditka before the big cut. One was Riley Walton, a free agent from Tennessee State.

"Walton made tremendous improvement from the first week," said the coach. "Most teams would have cut him the first week. But he just has to learn. His future is all ahead of him."

DITKA WAS SAYING similar things a year ago about a rookie named Don Kindt. He didn't make the team, so Ditka had him back this year for another try. He was released again, but not until Ditka had given him a second chance not afforded most players who try to make the big time.

"I look for certain qualities and if I see them, we try to coach them our kind of football. And if they can play it, we don't care what other people think of them," said Ditka.

"Some people think we have severe weaknesses at receiver and tight end. Yet we can win with those people because they complement what we do and how we play as a team."



QUARTERBACK STEVE FULLER had a rough game against Indianapolis last Saturday, completing just five of 17 passes. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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New Editor Named

Michael Polzin has taken over for Mark Friedlander as editor of the Bear Report. Before coming to this paper, Polzin was the sports editor of the Lake Geneva Regional News in Lake Geneva, Wis. He graduated from Marquette University in 1985 in journalism.

Drug Testing Conflict

The Bears-Steelers game was almost forfeited by the Bears due to a conflict between players and management over drug testing. When management asked the players to take a drug test last week, they balked saying they had already taken one during the May mini-camp. Due to the conflict, a practice session was cancelled. Eventually, the players agreed to submit to a test within the next two weeks, but only after a representative of the NFL discusses drug abuse and prevention with the club.

Chiefs Clip Cardinals

The St. Louis Cardinals, next week's Bears opponent, lost to Kansas City Saturday in St. Louis, 27-26.

St. Louis was down, 24-13 going into the fourth quarter. Then Neil Lomax fired a 28-yard touchdown pass to Roy Green at the start of the quarter.

Five minutes later, Stump Mitchell scored on a six-yard run, but the kick failed, giving St. Louis a 26-24 lead.

The Chiefs came back to score on a 32-yard field goal with 4:58 left in the game to win.

Ottis Anderson led the St. Louis rushing attack with 69 yards on 13 carries. Mitchell gained 37 yards on six carries.

Lomax completed 12 of 24 passes for 151 yards with one interception.

The loss gave St. Louis a 1-2 record in the pre-season.

Tosses Three Touchdown Passes

Tomczak Finds Way To Top Steeler Game

by Mark Friedlander

After Mike Tomczak put on a spectacular passing show in the victory over the Steelers, it was hard to imagine how the second-year quarterback out of Ohio State would top that performance his next time out. But he found a way against the Colts last Saturday night.

Before a near capacity crowd at foggy Soldier Field, Tomczak completed 9 of 11 passes for 115 yards and three touchdowns in the second half as he guided the Bears to a 38-21 victory over the visitors from Indianapolis. Due to this tremendous performance, head coach Mike Ditka announced Tomczak would start next Saturday's nationally-televised game vs. the Cardinals.

"TOMCZAK WILL START against St. Louis. That's all you've got to know," said Ditka in response to a question about where Tomczak now ranks on the club's depth chart. "I want to see how he does against (St. Louis') first defense. It's important for Mike and this football team to see how he goes against front line people."

"I've been tremendously impressed with what I've seen. I had not been impressed with what I saw earlier in camp. He's given me all the confidence that I had in him a year ago. He's got a great arm and ability to do things. The only thing he did wrong earlier in camp was he tried to force the ball."

Tomczak was a bit awed by Ditka's announcement about the start against St. Louis.

"IT HASN'T HIT me yet," he said. "I'm gonna work my butt off all week and be ready to play."

During the three pre-season games, Tomczak has completed 31 of 40 passes (78 percent) for 396 yards and six touchdowns. He has not thrown an interception.

"It boils down to the basics," said Tomczak. "You can't play good football when you try to force things. It's like that old cliché. You have to hit the open receiver."

FELLOW QUARTERBACK Steve Fuller isn't surprised

that Tomczak is getting a starting assignment.

"Right now he is very deserving of it. It's very encouraging. Nobody can argue with it. He's playing as well as anybody," said Fuller.

•Even when he doesn't play, quarterback Jim McMahon makes news. Against the Colts, McMahon was a sideline spectator in street clothes. Due to a nagging groin injury, McMahon has only seen limited action during this pre-season, and hasn't played since the London game vs. the Cowboys. Ditka doesn't seem too happy about the situation.

HE'S GOT A BAD leg, I guess," said the coach. "I wasn't going to play him anyways whether he was dressed or undressed. He's hurt. But the trainer didn't know it and I didn't know it. That's a lack of communication. He wasn't treated for the injury. That's all I know. He's hurt. He's not going to play until he's well."

•Dennis Gentry continues to show Ditka he deserves to play a major role in the Bears' offense. Against the Colts, Gentry caught five passes for 81 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed 9 times for 20 yards.

"After what I've seen the last two years, I'm not sure if we don't need Dennis Gentry on the field all the time at some position," said Ditka. "He looks that valuable to me. He's explosive. He's a big playmaker. He'll block. He'll do anything we ask."

GENTRY IS ANXIOUS to take on a bigger role in the offense.

"Right now I'm just doing my job. I want to be in the field more," said Gentry. "It's just a matter of playing time. You don't get in there very much behind Walter (Payton). I think I can help the team if I play more. I'd love to be out on the field more than just being out in certain situations." When Gentry was told Ditka said he would play the five-year veteran out of Baylor quite a bit at wide

receiver vs. the Cardinals, Gentry responded, "He's the man! He's the man!"

•Safety Todd Bell, who signed with the Bears last Friday ending a holdout which began last summer, was a spectator vs. the Cardinals. He was happy just to be part of the organization again.

"EVERYBODY'S ATTITUDE is positive. Everybody's in good spirits. We're all excited about coming back and trying to win another Super Bowl," Bell said. He added that he isn't sure how long it will take to get back into football shape. "After I work out a couple of days, then I'll see. I just have to get back in the swing of things."

•Many rookies are fighting for spots on the final roster. Three of the youngsters appear to be making great strides toward landing spots. Punt returner Lew Barnes appears to have shaken the fumble bug as he averaged 17.4 on five punt returns vs. the Colts. Cornerback Vestee Jackson recorded his second interception of the pre-season, and wide receiver David Williams scored his first pro touchdown on a 12-yard pass from Tomczak.

One of the more interesting battles involving a rookie is taking place at punter. Rookie John Teltschik averaged 43.0 on four kicks vs. the Colts. Veteran Maury Buford averaged 53.5 on two attempts.

"We've got two punters who can kick in this league. It's gonna be a while before I make that decision," said Ditka.

•Wide receiver Brian Baschnagel sees a big change in the Bears' attitude since his earlier days with the team.

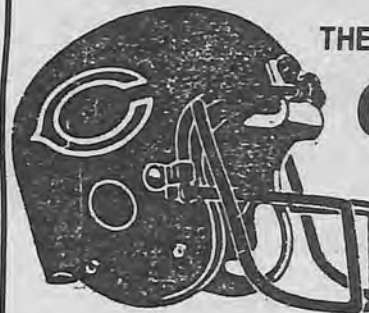
"I think the team is expecting to win every time we go out on the football field. When the Colts tied the game at seven tonight, I don't think any of our guys panicked or gave up. Even though the momentum was in the Colts' hands, there was no panic whatsoever. When games were close in the past, we used to panic and make mistakes. That doesn't happen anymore."



WILLIAM PERRY (left) and **Walter Payton** share a laugh during some second half antics against Indianapolis. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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LIONEL WASHINGTON is one of the Cardinals backs that Mike Tomczak will have to worry about in Saturday's game at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Special to the Bear Report

ST. LOUIS— With offensive weapons like quarterback Neil Lomax, running back Ottis Anderson and wide receiver Roy Green, it's understandable why many people expect the Cardinals to contend for a playoff spot. But without a formidable defense, the team isn't able to produce enough victories.

That was the case in 1985 when the Cardinals finished dead last in the NFC East with a 5-11 record. The lowly season cost head coach Jim Hanifan his job. Actually, both the St. Louis offense and defense had below-par performances last season. On defense, the Cards allowed the most touchdown passes (34) and had the fewest interceptions in the NFL (13). On offense, the team ranked next to last in points scored (278) and sacks allowed (65). New head coach Gene Stallings hopes better days are ahead.

"I THINK WE have the players to have a good football team. We certainly intend to head this franchise in the right direction," said Stallings. "As far as predicting how well we're going to do, or how fast we're going to turn it around, I'm not going to do that."

Stallings knows what winning is all about. Prior to taking the St. Louis job, he had been an assistant with the Cowboys since 1972. Since his team is in the same division with the Cowboys, Redskins, Giants and Eagles, Stallings knows his club will have to wake up pretty fast, otherwise last place will be waiting once again.

"My goal as a head coach is to be a winner," he says. That's why he has stressed the importance of winning pre-season games. Like many new coaches, Stallings wants the team to get used to the winning habit, even if the games are only exhibitions.

AFTER THE CARDINALS lost their pre-season opener to New England, 21-16 in the annual Hall of Fame Game, Stallings made it a point with his club that winning the next game (vs. Tampa Bay) would be important. The club took the coach's words to heart as it romped 26-10 over the Buccaneers.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
10	John Lee	K	5-11	182	22	R	UCLA
12	Scott Brunner	QB	6-5	215	29	6	Delaware
13	Adam Kelly	P	5-9	195	23	R	Minnesota
14	Rick McIvor	QB	6-4	210	25	3	Texas
15	Neil Lomax	QB	6-3	215	27	6	Portland State
16	Kent Austin	QB	6-1	195	23	R	Mississippi
17	Evan Arapostathis	K	5-9	160	22	R	E. Illinois
18	Carl Birdsong	P	6-0	192	27	6	SW Oklahoma St.
19	Danny Miller	K	5-10	172	25	2	Miami (Fla.)
20	Wes Smith	WR	5-11	194	23	R	E. Texas St.
24	Ron Woffley	FB	6-0	222	23	2	West Virginia
25	Thomas Brown	WR	6-4	190	23	R	Augustana
28	Kevin Potter	CB	5-10	185	26	1	Missouri
28	David Wilson	WR	6-3	187	22	R	Illinois St.
28	Freddie Thompson	DB	5-11	182	24	1	NE Missouri
29	Scott Holman	WR	6-2	195	23	R	Oregon
30	Stump Mitchell	HB	5-9	188	27	6	The Citadel
31	Earl Ferrell	FB	6-0	224	28	5	E. Tennessee St.
32	Ottis Anderson	HB	6-2	225	28	8	Miami-Florida
33	Quentin Walker	HB	6-1	201	25	2	Virginia
34	Eric Drain	FB	6-2	210	22	R	Missouri
35	Jeff Griffin	CB	6-0	185	28	6	Utah
36	Vai Sikahema	HB	5-9	191	24	R	BYU
37	Don Goodman	HB	5-11	214	27	1	Cincinnati
38	Lee Nelson	FS	5-10	185	32	11	Florida State
39	Broderick Sargent	FB	5-10	215	23	R	Baylor
40	Randy Love	FB	6-1	224	29	8	Houston
41	Carl Carter	CB	5-11	180	22	R	Texas Tech
42	Bobby Johnson	SS	6-0	187	26	4	Texas
43	Lonnie Young	FS	6-1	182	23	2	Michigan State
44	Wayne Smith	CB	6-0	170	29	7	Purdue
45	Leonard Smith	SS	5-11	202	25	4	McNeese State
47	Cedric Mack	CB	6-0	194	25	4	Baylor
48	Lionel Washington	CB	6-0	188	25	4	Tulane
49	Kent Kafentzis	FS	6-1	205	23	R	Hawaii
50	Bob Harris	OLB	6-2	223	25	4	Auburn
51	Bobby Boyce	OLB	6-0	223	23	R	Indiana St.
51	Greg Wright	C	6-3	260	24	R	Texas
52	Charlie Baker	OLB	6-2	234	28	7	New Mexico
53	Freddie Joe Nunn	OLB	6-4	228	24	2	Mississippi
54	E.J. Junior	ILB	6-3	235	26	6	Alabama
55	Anthony Bell	OLB	6-3	231	22	R	Michigan St.
56	Thomas Moskal	ILB	6-2	255	22	R	E. Illinois
56	Carlos Scott	C/T	6-4	285	26	4	Texas-El Paso
57	Niko Noga	ILB	6-1	235	24	3	Hawaii
58	Gene Chilton	C	6-3	271	22	R	Texas
58	Scott Schankweiler	OLB	6-0	225	22	R	Maryland
59	Thomas Howard	OLB	6-2	220	32	10	Texas Tech
60	Al Baker	DE	6-6	270	29	8	Colorado State
61	Lance Smith	T	6-2	262	23	2	Louisiana St.
62	Ray Brown	T	6-5	257	23	R	Arkansas St.
63	Tootie Robbins	T	6-5	302	28	5	East Carolina
64	Randy Clark	C	6-4	270	29	7	Northern Illinois
65	David Galloway	NT	6-3	279	27	5	Florida
66	Doug Dawson	G	6-3	267	24	3	Texas
67	Luis Sharpe	T	6-4	260	26	5	UCLA
68	Eric Pope	T	6-1	275	24	R	Oklahoma
68	Carter Crawford	NT	6-1	260	23	R	Arkansas St.
70	Derek Kennard	G	6-3	285	23	R	Nevada-Reno
71	Joe Bostic	G	6-3	268	29	8	Clemson
72	Sid Abramowitz	T	6-4	270	26	3	Tulsa
73	Mark Duda	NT	6-3	279	25	4	Maryland
74	Scott Bergold	DE	6-7	263	24	2	Wisconsin
75	Curtis Greer	DE	6-4	258	28	7	Michigan
76	Stafford Mays	DE	6-2	255	28	7	Washington
78	Jeff Tupper	DE	6-5	263	23	R	Oklahoma
78	Eric Dreiband	C	6-4	270	22	R	Princeton
79	Michael Willis	DE	6-4	259	22	R	Ball St.
80	Doug Marsh	TE	6-3	238	28	7	Michigan
81	Roy Green	WR	6-0	195	29	8	Henderson State
82	Eric Swanson	WR	5-11	186	23	R	Tennessee
83	Pat Tilley	WR	5-10	178	33	11	Louisiana Tech
84	J.T. Smith	WR/KR	6-2	185	30	9	North Texas St.
85	Jay Novacek	TE/WR	6-4	217	24	2	Wyoming
86	Clyde Duncan	WR	6-2	211	25	3	Tennessee
87	Earnest Gray	WR	6-3	195	29	8	Memphis State
89	Greg LaFleur	TE	6-4	236	27	6	Louisiana State
90	Robert Stallings	TE	6-6	250	22	R	So. Mississippi
91	Ron Monaco	LB	6-1	225	23	R	So. Carolina
93	Rodney Beachum	NT	6-2	260	22	R	Arkansas
94	Gary Dulin	DE	6-4	275	29	1	Ohio State
95	Victor Burnett	DE	6-5	250	23	R	Fresno St.
98	Richard Siler	TE	6-3	238	23	R	Texas A&M

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6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	195	24	2	Georgia
8	Maury Buford	P	6-1	191	26	5	Texas Tech
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	27	5	BYU
10	John Teltchik	P	6-1	207	22	R	Texas
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	24	2	Ohio State
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	24	2	Texas A & M
21	Leslie Frazier	CB	6-0	187	27	6	Alcorn St.
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	203	25	4	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	CB	5-11	193	24	3	Ohio St.
24	Vestee Jackson	DB	6-0	186	22	R	Washington
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	28	7	Penn State
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	26	4	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	RB	5-8	181	27	5	Baylor
30	Jeff Powell	RB	5-10	170	23	R	Tennessee
31	Ken Taylor	CB	6-1	185	22	2	Oregon State
32	Bruce Jones	SS	6-1	195	23	R	Alabama
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	26	5	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	208	31	12	Jackson St.
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	210	21	R	Florida
36	Maurice Douglass	DB	5-11	200	22	R	Kentucky
37	Barton Hundley	SS	5-11	187	22	R	Kansas State
40	Jack Cameron	DB	6-0	180	24	2	Winston-Salem
43	Egypt Allen	DB	6-00	203	21	R	TCU
44	Henry Jackson	LB	6-0	225	23	R	Angelo
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	196	32	11	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	25	2	SMU
49	Riley Walton	TE	6-3	220	23	R	Tenn St.
50	Eric Montgomery	LB	6-0	226	23	R	Baylor
51	Chris Jackson	C	6-4	250	23	1	SMU
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	215	23	2	Michigan State
52	Cliff Thrift	LB	6-1	230	32	8	E. Central OK
53	Dan Rains	LB	6-1	229	32	3	Cincinnati
54	Brian Cabral	LB	6-1	227	32	7	Colorado
55	Otis Wilson	LB	6-2	232	28	7	Louisville
57	Tom Thayer	G/C	6-4	261	24	2	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	239	24	3	California
60	Tom Andrews	C	6-4	267	25	3	Louisville
60	Steve Jacobson	DT	6-3	245	23	R	Abil. Christian
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	269	25	4	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	258	27	6	Iowa
64	Joe Spivak	G	6-0	285	24	1	Illinois St.
64	Gerald Taylor	LB	6-2	235	22	R	TCU
65	Rick Shulte	G	6-3	260	22	1	Illinois
68	Paul Blair	OT	6-4	275	22	R	Oklahoma State
69	Marvin Ayers	DE	6-5	255	22	R	Grambling
70	Henry Waechter	DT	6-5	275	27	5	Nebraska
71	Andy Frederick	T	6-6	265	31	10	New Mexico
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	308	23	2	Clemson
73	Mike Hartenstine	DE	6-3	254	32	12	Penn State
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	271	26	4	Pittsburgh
75	Mike Dwyer	DT	6-2	265	23	R	U. of Mass.
75	Stefan Humphries	G	6-3	263	24	3	Michigan
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	260	28	7	Texas
78	Keith Van Hone	T	6-6	280	28	6	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	267	27	5	Michigan
80	Tim Wrightman	TE	6-3	237	26	2	UCLA
81	David Williams	WR	6-3	187	23	R	Illinois
82	Ken Margerum	WR	6-0	180	27	5	Stanford
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-1	183	25	4	Tennessee
84	Brian Baschnagel	WR	6-0	193	32	10	Ohio State
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	24	4	Florida St.
86	Brad Anderson	WR	6-2	198	25	3	Arizona
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	220	32	10	Colorado
88	Pat Dunsmore	TE	6-3	237	26	3	Drake
89	Keith Ortego	WR	6-0	180	22	2	McNeese State
90	Al Harris	LB	6-5	253	29	6	Arizona St.
92	Lew Barnes	WR	5-8	163	23	R	Oregon
93	Glen Kozlowski	WR	6-1	193	23	R	Brigham Young
94	Ken Knapczyk	WR	5-11	190	23	R	N. Iowa
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	25	4	Tenn State
96	Doug Donley	WR	6-1	180	27	5	Ohio State
96	Don Thorp	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Illinois
97	Tim Stracka	WR	6-4	212	26	2	Wisconsin
98	Tyrone Keys	DE	6-7	267	26	4	Miss. State
99	Dan Hampton	DT	6-5	267	28	8	Arkansas



J.T. SMITH will try to break some kick returns against the Bears in Saturday's nationally televised game. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



NEIL LOMAX will lead the Cardinals' attempt this season at bouncing back from a 5-11 record in 1985. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

St. Louis vs. Chicago Lineups

Bears Offense

WR	83 Willie Gault, 86 Brad Anderson
LT	74 Jim Covert, 71 Andy Frederick
LG	62 Mark Bortz, 64 Joe Spivak
C	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 60 Tom Andrews
RG	57 Tom Thayer, 79 Kurt Becker
RT	78 Keith Van Horne, 71 Andy Frederick
TE	87 Emery Moorehead, 80 Tim Wrightman
WR	82 Ken Margerum, 89 Keith Ortego
RB	34 Walter Payton, 29 Dennis Gentry
FB	26 Matt Suhey, 33 Calvin Thomas
QB	9 Jim McMahon, 4 Steve Fuller

Bears Defense

LE	99 Dan Hampton, 73 Mike Hartenstine
LT	76 Steve McMichael, 72 William Perry
RT	72 William Perry, 99 Dan Hampton
RE	95 Richard Dent, 98 Tyrone Keys
LLB	55 Otis Wilson, 59 Ron Rivera
MLB	50 Mike Singletary, 59 Ron Rivera
RLB	58 Wilber Marshall, 90 Al Harris
LC	27 Mike Richardson, 31 Ken Taylor
RC	48 Reggie Phillips, 31 Ken Taylor
SS	22 Dave Duerson, 23 Shaun Gayle
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PK	6 Kevin Butler
P	8 Maury Buford, 10 John Teltschik
PR	92 Lew Barnes, 89 Keith Ortego
KR	83 Willie Gault, 29 Dennis Gentry
KC	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer
PC	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer
H	4 Steve Fuller, 18 Mike Tomczak

Cardinals Defense

LE	76 Stafford Mays, 78 Jeff Tupper
NT	65 David Galloway, 73 Mark Duda
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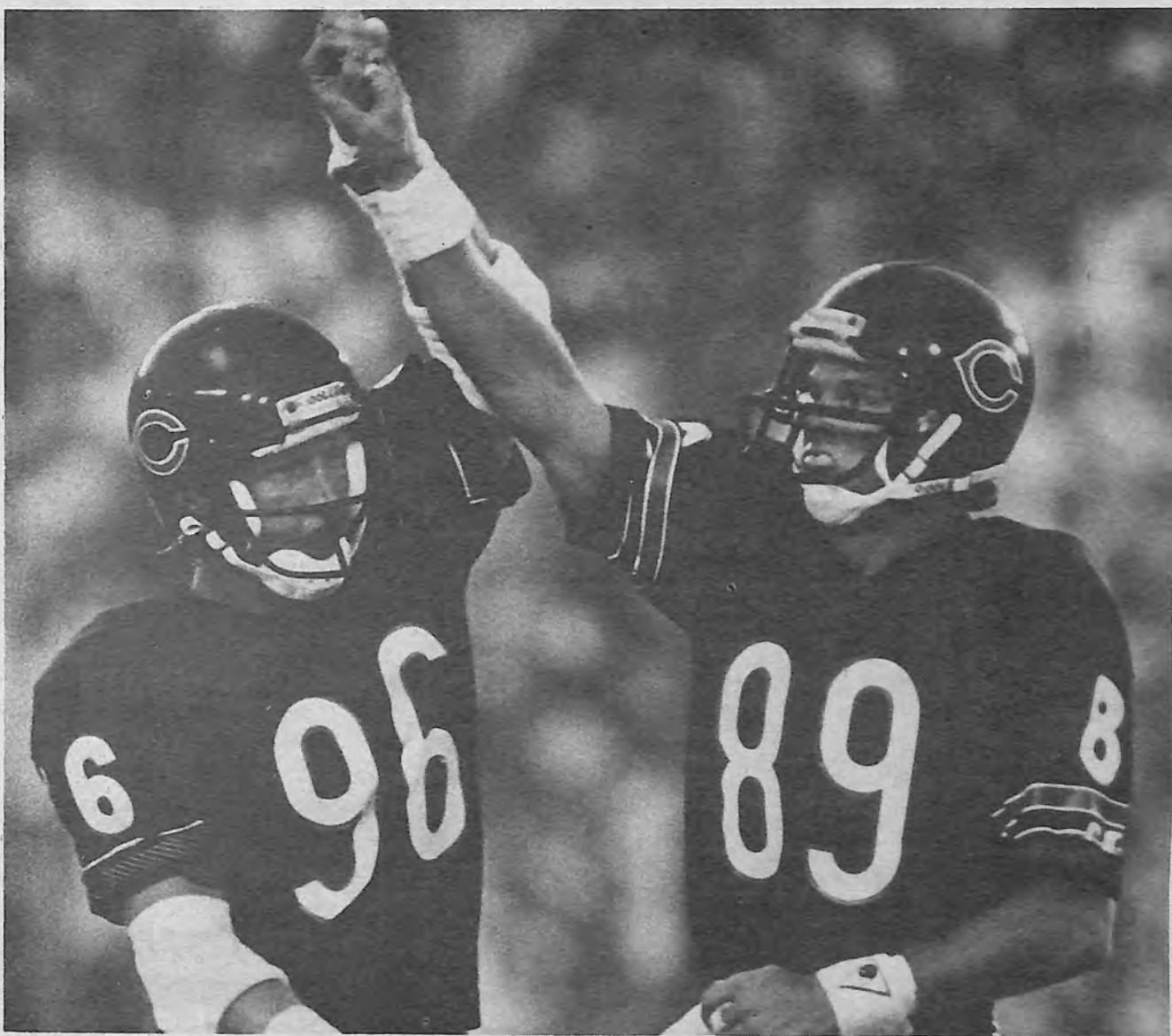
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WILLIAM PERRY has a friendly chat with the referee after sacking quarterback Gary Hogeboom in Saturday's game. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



STUMP MITCHELL will look to break some long runs against the Bear defense, something that most running backs haven't been able to do. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



DOUG DONLEY gives a high five to Keith Ortego after Ortego caught one of three touchdown passes thrown by Mike Tomczak. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Cardinals

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"Even though it's the pre-season, there was a certain amount of pressure to win that first game," said Stallings.

During the first two exhibitions, starting quarterback Neil Lomax has not fared that well (18 for 34, 228 yards, 1 int.) but Stallings isn't worried. He knows the six-year veteran out of Portland State is one of the best signal-callers in the league. Lomax passed for 3,214 yards and 18 touchdowns last year. He is ranked No. 2 among active passers with a 82.3 rating. Only San Francisco's Joe Montana ranks higher (92.4).

LOMAX HAS A FINE crop of receivers to throw to. Among them are Green (50 for 693, 5 TDs), Pat Tilley (49 for 726, 6 TDs), J.T. Smith (43 for 581) and TE Doug Marsh (37 for 355). When the Cardinals run the ball, either Anderson (7,843 career yards), or Stump Mitchell (183 for 1,006, 7 TDs in 1985) gets the ball.

On defense, Stallings is planning to go with a 3-4 quite often this year.

"Based on our personnel, we might be better suited for the 3-4. But we're going to work on both defensive schemes," he says.

THE CLUB'S DEFENSIVE leaders include LB E.J. Junior (106 tackles, 5 int.), strong safety Leonard Smith (116 tackles, 3 sacks, 2 int.) LB Freddie Joe Nunn (84 tackles, 3 sacks) and defensive end Curtis Greer (58 tackles, 7 sacks). Defensive end Al "Bubba" Baker remained unsigned as of late last week. However, No. 1 draft choice Anthony Bell, a linebacker out of Michigan State, finally came to terms.

Second-round draft choice John Lee, a placekicker out of UCLA, connected on all six of his field goal tries during the first two exhibitions. Punter Carl Birdsong has been averaging 45.5 during the pre-season. His 41.4 career average is second best in club history. Both Clyde Duncan (19.6) and Mitchell (18.2) are threats on kickoff returns, and J.T. Smith is a very effective punt returner (10.9).

"I want us to be a tough football team," says Stallings. "I want us to be tough both physically and mentally. I don't want a big play to shatter us. The game is decided, obviously, by lots of plays. And I don't want one, two or three plays to decide whether or not we win or lose."

Effective Drug Program Should Be Top Priority

When the NFL's great thinkers should be devising a drug program, they're playing power games instead.

Pete Rozelle enacts a policy he knows the union will reject. The union leaders merely shake their heads rather than scratching them to come up with a better way. Bears management threatens to suspend all the players and cancel a game before cooler heads clear up the misunderstanding over pre-season urine tests.

THERE'S ONE THING certain about the next drug program for the league. It won't work unless the players feel they had some input. They have to be considered partners here, not adversaries.

Besides, they might have some good ideas.

They have the most to lose from an ineffective drug program. It's the players who lives are in danger if they use drugs. It's the players who don't want a drugged teammate blowing a championship. It's the players whom people are whispering about.

"I DON'T WANT people saying, 'That guy's a football player. You better stay away from him. He might be on drugs,'" Mike Singletary says. "I don't like that, I want to get this cleaned up."

Rozelle says he does, too. Several Bear players aren't sure. They're sure Rozelle wants to create the public impression of a man and league actively concerned about the problem. But Rozelle's proposal smacked more of a public relations gesture than a sincere attempt to curb drug use among NFL players.

They're not balking at Rozelle's program because they don't want a drug program. They want something better.

ROZELLE'S PROGRAM WOULD feature random testing for several narcotics, and three stages of punishments for players who test positive. The first strike would bring 30 days of counseling at half pay, the second a 30-day suspension and the third an indefinite expulsion from the league, which only Rozelle could rescind.

He announced the program shortly after the highly publicized deaths of Cleveland safety Don Rogers and basketball player Len Bias from cocaine. Public clamor for action had been building since late January, when six New England Patriots were identified as having drug problems. Then two people died. The NFL felt pressure to do something, anything.

"There are so many things we pretend we don't see until it hits home," Singletary says. "Now something happens and we've got to do something. Right now. That's not right. You don't ever make decisions out of emotion."

IT'S AS WRONG TO overreact to the deaths of Bias and Rogers as it was to underreact while the drug problem

was developing over many years. "Those were tragedies," says Brian Baschnagel, who succeeded Gary Fencik and preceded Singletary as the Bears' representative to the union. "We all want to avoid them. But I don't think spot checking would have done it."

The spot check, or random drug test, is the foundation of Rozelle's program. Catch and punish. "Scare tactics," players call it.

"Fear is probably a very powerful tactic," Baschnagel says. "But why would anybody try drugs in the first place?"

"IT SEEMS TO ME, with people dying, there's been enough fear to keep them from trying drugs in the first place. But they apparently are. And more fear tactics aren't going to eliminate them from trying drugs again."

The fear of punishment doesn't seem to be enough,

By
Kevin
Lamb



then.

"A college professor of mine told me, 'You don't treat symptoms. You treat causes,'" Singletary says. "All punishments do is frighten people. If I'm not using drugs because I'm afraid of getting caught and not getting paid, what's to keep me from using them in the off-season?"

"BUT IF I'M educated about the dangers of drugs, I may think twice about it. I may decide on my own, 'This isn't something I want to do. Get out of my face with it.'"

Even if random testing weeds out most of the players already using drugs, Singletary's concern is it won't stop new players from using them. At best, then, the tactic can only break even. As Baschnagel says, "Let's eliminate the problem from the beginning."

Education is part of the NFL's program. But players say the NFL's drug education in the past has aimed more at arousing fear than at explaining why drugs, and especially cocaine, are so addictive and dangerous.

MOST ATHLETES DO not know how addictive cocaine can be. "It's an in thing to do," says Dave Duerson, whose own non-profit company is strongly involved in fighting drug use. "It's like fast cars. You drive them without really knowing they're a death trap."

They hear of Len Bias and Don Rogers dying from cocaine, but those are isolated cases. They always happen to someone else.

As common as injuries are in football, most players think even injuries will only happen to the other guy.

"PEOPLE EXPERIMENT," Fencik says. "You have a long night, you'll try anything once. But some people aren't able to handle it."

Maybe they wouldn't have tried cocaine that once if they had known why it is so dangerous. Medical knowledge indicates athletes are especially susceptible to cocaine addiction because the drug can mimic the "competitive high" that comes from playing and winning. But few athletes know what many doctors know.

Punishments are necessary for weeding out undesirable players, but they shouldn't take education's place as the primary deterrent. "If I'm a rookie and the only thing that'll happen to me if I test positive is my pay gets cut in half, that doesn't say anything to me," Singletary says. "Give me a sensible reason not to use drugs. Don't just punish me if I do."

AND IF THE punishments are for weeding out those who don't buy the education, then those punishments should be harsh.

"Life is full of choices," Willie Gault says. "If you choose drugs, go ahead. But if you're caught once, you're suspended for a year. If you're caught twice, you're out for good."

Fencik goes even farther. "Playing devil's advocate, if the league is entirely bent on getting rid of drugs, one offense and you're out," he says. "If you test positive in college, you're out."

THE PLAYERS ALSO are understandably skeptical about putting urine bottles in the hands of people responsible only to league management, not to the Players Association. Al Harris wants a tougher program than what Rozelle has proposed, but he says, "There's a lot of laws that look good but could be perverted if they're abused." Even Gault, one of the most outspoken anti-drug players, worries that teams could use drug tests to eliminate players they don't want.

"Something has to be done," Fencik says. "But if we're

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STEVE FULLER tries to get a little more throwing time by running from the Colts' Willie Broughton (68) and Barry Krauss. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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Drug Program

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really concerned about the players, what have we done for James Maness?" Maness, the only Bear ever publicly identified as a cocaine addict, was cut last May after two unsuccessful trips to rehabilitation clinics.

Aftercare is just one of the holes the players find in Rozelle's program. On existing aftercare programs, too many athletes spend 30 days in rehab and go back on drugs 30 days later. The league should be trying to find something better.

WHERE IS THE appeals system for players who test positive? The tests aren't perfect. Clean people have tested positive.

And why just the players? Can't front-office people and coaches reflect just as poorly on the league's integrity? And what about anabolic steroids? They're probably a

much more rampant drug problem in the NFL than cocaine, and they probably affect the quality of play more.

AND WHAT ABOUT college students? NFL sources leaked information last winter that nearly one of every six draft candidates tested positive for drugs, mostly marijuana. They were deflecting the blame. In effect, they said, "Hey, we're inheriting the problem."

"If it's coming out of the colleges, take the education there as well," Singletary says. "Those guys don't know what they're doing. They're a bunch of kids."

The players' union has blocked Rozelle from unilaterally imposing his program, but it would go into effect in September if binding arbitration is in his favor. The issue then will be the scope of Rozelle's authority.

The more important long-term issue is the scope of any program's effectiveness at reducing players' drug use. That's what concerns far-thinking players. It's what should concern the league office, too.

Bell, Anderson Sign

The Bears hit the daily double last week as both veteran safety Todd Bell and rookie running back Neal Anderson signed contracts with the team.

Bell, the veteran safety out of Ohio State who missed the entire 1985 season due to a contract dispute, signed a three-year pact worth an estimated \$1.2 million. According to general manager Jerry Vainisi, the deal is worth a "little more" than the four-year, \$1.6 million package he rejected last year when he sat out the Super Bowl season.

"IT'S BEEN WORTH it," said Bell about the holdout. "It's been a rough long road. I can't really look back and have regrets. I'm just sorry I wasn't part of that Super Bowl XX. But that's behind me."

Bell added, "I feel like a rookie. I know I'm coming back on the second team. I have to work at the job all over."

Anderson, the Bears' No. 1 draft choice out of Florida, signed a four-year deal worth a reported \$1.25 million.

"Right now, I don't remember what he looks like," said head coach Mike Ditka. "This will be the first time we saw him since we drafted him." Anderson did not attend the May mini-camp due to final exams.

The Bears also announced the signing of veteran cornerback Leslie Frazier. He is expected to miss the entire 1986 season due to a serious knee injury sustained in Super Bowl XX.

National TV Saturday

The Bears' game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night at Soldier Field will be nationally televised by CBS.

If the game is sold out 72 hours in advance, it will be televised locally on CBS. Game time is 8 p.m.

Pre-Season Schedule

Saturday, August 2

New England 21, St. Louis 16

Sunday, August 3

BEARS 17, Dallas 6

Tuesday, August 5

Houston 17, L.A. Rams 14

Wednesday, August 6

Atlanta 31, N.Y. Giants 24

Friday, August 8

Philadelphia 17, Detroit 9

Seattle 21, Indianapolis 14

Saturday, August 9

BEARS 33, Pittsburgh 13

Cleveland 19, Buffalo 17

Green Bay 38, N.Y. Jets 14

St. Louis 26, Tampa Bay 10

Kansas City 20, Cincinnati 10

Minnesota 30, Miami 16

New Orleans 10, Denver 7

San Diego 20, Dallas 0

Sunday, August 10

San Francisco 32, L.A. Raiders 0

New England 18, Washington 7

Friday, August 15

Cleveland 17, Miami 10

Washington 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT

Detroit 30, Seattle 27, OT

Saturday, August 16

BEARS 38, Indianapolis 21

Atlanta 20, Tampa Bay 17

New York Jets 28, Cincinnati 17

Minnesota 29, Denver 27

Kansas City 27, St. Louis 26

New England 38, New Orleans 34

New York Giants 22, Green Bay 14

Houston 23, Buffalo 20

Los Angeles Raiders 24, Dallas 19

San Diego 45, Philadelphia 38

Monday, August 18

San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams 7 p.m.

Friday, August 22

Minnesota at Seattle 7:30 p.m.

New England at Los Angeles Raiders 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Dallas (ABC-TV) 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 23

Buffalo at Kansas City 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Atlanta 8 p.m.

Detroit at Indianapolis 7:30 p.m.

Green Bay at Cincinnati 7 p.m.

Miami at Philadelphia 7:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Houston 8 p.m.

New York Jets at New York Giants 8 p.m.

St. Louis at **BEARS** (CBS-TV) 8 p.m.

San Diego at Los Angeles Rams 7 p.m.

San Francisco at Denver 7 p.m.

Washington at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 28

Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders 7 p.m.

New York Jets at Philadelphia 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 29

Atlanta at Washington 8 p.m.

Detroit at Cincinnati 8 p.m.

Los Angeles Rams at Denver (NBC-TV) 6 p.m.

St. Louis at San Diego 7 p.m.

Seattle at San Francisco 6 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Miami 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

BEARS vs. Buffalo at South Bend, Ind. 1:30 p.m.

Houston at Dallas (CBS-TV) 8 p.m.

Kansas City at New Orleans 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Indianapolis 7:30 p.m.

New England at Green Bay 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New York Giants 8 p.m.

McCaskey Hospitalized

Bears' chairman of the board Ed McCaskey suffered a mild heart attack Sunday afternoon and was hospitalized. McCaskey went to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines after complaining of chest pains. Doctors said McCaskey, 67, was in stable condition.

McCaskey became chairman of the board on Nov. 11, 1983 after George Halas died. McCaskey is the husband of Virginia McCaskey, the daughter of Halas.



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McGinnis Enjoys Being With 'The Best'

When David McGinnis received an offer to join the Chicago Bears as a defensive coach, he was thrilled. However, a number of his friends and colleagues openly questioned the wisdom of his leaving a secure position on the Kansas State coaching staff for the possible insecurity of a professional team at the top of the mountain in the National Football League.

But to McGinnis, there was never any question about what he'd do.

"YOU ALWAYS LOOK to try to get to the best, because you want to be the best," he says. "The Chicago Bears embody the best right now and that's why it was such a natural thing for me to go with the Bears."

For McGinnis, wanting to achieve is something that

By
Michael
Haggerty



separates people. To use the old baseball analogy, when it comes time to make the crucial catch, there are those who say, "hit it to me." And, sadly, there are those who wish the ball would be hit to anybody but themselves.

He thinks there are more who avoid making the big play, in sports or any other undertaking, than there are those who want the ball hit to them.

"THAT DOESN'T MAKE sense to me" he bristles. Citing those who don't want to make the crucial catch he says, "the problem with that is that you're just one step removed from the game. You might as well not be on the playing field. You ought to be in the stands, spectating."

"If you're going to be involved, you need to be involved to the utmost. You need to want to be the pivotal part of what goes on."

"When I was coaching at Indiana State I got to know Larry Bird very well," he continues. "When it's crucial and when it's down to it, when the seconds are ticking off, Larry doesn't want anybody but himself to have the ball. He wants to have it. I think all your impact people are like that."

THE NEW defensive assistant sees the Bears as a team "full of guys like that, guys who want to make the difference. When you get a collection of difference-makers on your coaching staff and out there on the football field, then you've got a chance in this game."

He spent the previous 14 seasons as a college assistant (TCU, Missouri, Indiana State, Kansas State) for just one reason — the opportunity to coach in the NFL. McGinnis views his job as "any coach's dream come true. It's a real thrill. It's exciting just to come to work for the Bears every morning."

"I'm doing something that I'm totally immersed in," he says. "My job is what I enjoy doing. This is what I've always wanted to do. Passing up a job like this just doesn't make sense to me. Playing it safe is just existing, it's having a guard or a buffer. It's not really living. If you don't try to do your best when you have an opportunity to be with the best, you're cheating yourself."

WHEN McGINNIS WAS playing at TCU (where he was a three-year starter at defensive back and a two-time academic all-SWC pick) he fell in love with golf. He and several of the other TCU players worked as spotters for ABC Television during the Colonial Tour in Fort Worth.

On one occasion he got to sit in the telecast booth with Bud Palmer and Dave Marr. ("Intriguing," he pronounces it.)

Now golf is his chief form of relaxing away from football. "If I could have one sports fantasy," he muses, "it'd be to be a tour golfer. I could sit and watch those pros forever. I'd say I'm a decent golfer, but not a great golfer."

"BUT WITH COACHING, you don't get to play golf very much. Just about the time you get your swing grooved, it's time to quit and go back to coaching. Golf is such an exacting game, such a one-on-one game."

"It's a game that involves some power, but it's also a game that involves finesse, a lot of mental work," he goes on. "It's a game that takes total mental concentration at all times. You cannot be passive on the golf course and expect to do well."

Another of McGinnis' interests is in youth camps. He spends time each summer helping out at a camp in the Indiana town of Terre Haute. His involvement stems from



ASSISTANT COACH DAVID McGinnis (right) and linebacker Al Harris view a practice session. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

his days at Indiana State.

AND DOWN IN East Texas "for the last 14 years I've been involved with four other guys in a youth camp. I really enjoy that."

"We have children from the ages of 7 to 16 there. We have them for six weeks during the summer. It's a general, all-around camp," he describes.

"We've got horses and tennis courts and swimming pools. When you're around kids like that in an outdoor setting, well it kinda refreshes you and revitalizes your outlook."

For what? Well, for going back to coaching. "Coaching," he smiles. "Coaching is all I've ever wanted to do. I can't envision doing anything else. And being a coach with the Bears is, number one, an honor. Number two, a challenge. I like challenges. The Bears are the best and if you're not in this business to be with the best, to be the best, then there's just no reason, really, to be in it."

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BEARS 33, Pittsburgh Steelers 13
BEARS 38, Indianapolis 21

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Sat., Aug. 30 vs. Buffalo Bills at
Notre Dame Stadium, Noon

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Sun., Sept. 14 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES, Noon
Mon., Sept. 22 at Green Bay Packers, 8 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 28 at Cincinnati Bengals, Noon
Sun., Oct. 5 MINNESOTA VIKINGS, Noon
Sun., Oct. 12 at Houston Oilers, Noon
Sun., Oct. 19 at Minnesota Vikings, Noon
Sun., Oct. 26 DETROIT LIONS, Noon
Mon., Nov. 3 L.A. RAMS, 8 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 9 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Noon
Sun., Nov. 16 at Atlanta Falcons, Noon
Sun., Nov. 23 GREEN BAY PACKERS, Noon
Sun., Nov. 30 PITTSBURGH STEELERS, Noon
Sun., Dec. 7 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS, Noon
Mon., Dec. 15 at Detroit Lions, 8 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 21 at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m.

McMahon Pouting?

What started out as a casual comment made after a pre-season game, turned into a war of words last week at the Bears' training camp at Platteville. After the Bears-Steelers game, quarterback Jim McMahon told a reporter: "Ditka and I aren't on speaking terms." When the coach was asked to respond to that a few days later, he said. "McMahon is full of bleep." Ditka added his star quarterback is overweight, and said the punky QB is pouting due to injuries that have nagged him throughout training camp.

McMahon responded: "I don't know why he says I'm pouting. Just because I don't kiss his bleep. He says a lot of things nobody cares about. Everybody has his own opinion. It has nothing to do with me being out of shape."

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Cameron	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fencik	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	5	1	0	0	0	1	1
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Next Week's Issue

Next week's issue of Bear Report will include complete coverage of the nationally televised game against St. Louis Saturday night. The issue also will include the moves made on the Bears' roster this week, and Kevin Lamb will take a look at the Jim McMahon saga going on this pre-season.



FULLBACK CALVIN THOMAS looks for an opening during Saturday's game against the Colts. Thomas carried the ball three times for 10 yards in the game. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



VESTEE JACKSON recorded his second interception of the pre-season with this grab against Indianapolis Saturday. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Fans Bark For New Heroes

By Wally Gullick

Not even a minute had gone by in the Bears' first home appearance of the year before Bear fans showed they were in mid-season voice, tuning up their bark at the :59 mark of the first quarter thanks to a Reggie Phillips tumble recovery which set up the world champs' first touchdown.

A familiar face by the name of Walter Payton cracked the Colts' goal line from one yard out to cap a 10-play, 39 yard drive, scoring behind the patented steam roll block of William Perry who buried the middle of the Colts' defensive line somewhere in the middle of the end zone.

This crowd, which came to cheer like no other Soldier Field pre-season gathering in recent memory, would be rewarded with new heroes to raise their voices to and a 38-21 lasher which kept Chicago's pre-season ledger perfect at 3-0.

Putting a charge into an offense, which managed to post a 17-7 halftime advantage despite a dismal 5-17 performance from Steve Fuller, was second-year quarterback Mike Tomczak.

"Mike will start against St. Louis," said Coach Mike Ditka, who has watched the native Chicagoan renew the confidence Ditka had in him a year ago.

"I want to see him work with our first string players and have the opportunity to play against their first string defense. There is certainly no question about his mechanics. He's got a great arm," raved Ditka, emerging as one of Tomczak's biggest rooters.

Completing seven of nine third quarter-passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns and tossing a third TD strike midway in the final frame did not guarantee his role as number one backup to last year's miracle worker, Jim McMahon, but he's not pressing his success.

"I'm just going to work by butt off in practice all this week with the first team and try to keep my head on my shoulders and see how everything falls into place," said Tomczak, who should at least be given a bigger part in Super Bowl Shuffle Part II, if the Bears decide to follow-up their hit single of last year.

"Starting for this team will be the coaches' decision and that's three weeks away, I'm just going to concentrate on not trying to make the big play all the time and get back to basics which means hitting the open man," added Saturday night's star, who picked on three different receivers to fire his touchdown strikes to.

Dave Williams, Dennis Gentry and E.J. Jones all found their way into the end zone courtesy of Tomczak's tosses.

Gentry, who admits to having a burning desire of wanting more playing time but realizes when you're backing up the greatest running back of all time your chances are

limited, led all receivers with five catches for 81 yards including a sparkling 43-yard play where he nearly outran the entire Colt secondary.

"It's great motivation to have the crowd behind you, but I can't be too concerned with their cheers. What I have to do is concentrate on my assignment and realize if I execute, I'll keep getting those cheers and hopefully more playing time," added Gentry, who may have some new assignments for this Saturday's national TV rumble with St. Louis.

"I want to take a look at Dennis from a wide receiver slot," said Ditka. "It's different than catching passes out of the backfield and you're working against better people when you line up out there on the line," noted Ditka, whose remarks drew a puzzled look from Gentry, but not an unwilling response.

"I just think I can be more effective and more productive the more I'm on the field," said Gentry, whose attitude is contagious for those hungry for a chance.

While Tomczak encored his spectacle in Pittsburgh with a brilliant effort, fifth round draft choice from Oregon Lew Barnes is doing all he can to make the team.

He's already become a crowd pleaser after his 85-yard punt return for a touchdown against the Steelers, but with key cut down dates yet to come, Barnes knows he must produce each time out.

Fielding five punts flawlessly, reassuring his critics that the fumbles in Pittsburgh were a direct result of butterflies in his stomach and not bricks for hands, the 5'8" speedster piled up 87 yards in his chances, the longest coming on a 30-yard jaunt.

"There's pressure to make the team and if that means showing my skills on special teams first and then later getting a chance as a wide receiver, then that's what I'll do," says Barnes, who recognizes the depth of the Bears and knows fifth round picks don't have the best of odds working for them when they're selected by the NFL's best team.

With that knowledge, Barnes is accepting the cheers of the Bears loyalists and knows what he must concentrate on.

"I'm working hard and had to go out there this week and make sure I fielded the ball," he said, which is what led to simply catching and not running back the punt on his final try. The fair catch drew some boos of disappointment and Barnes would later admit he did have some room to run, but thought better of the risk deep in his own terri-

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Bear Report Letters

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Lunacy Begins Early

Dear Doug,

"It" is starting early this season. Last year, and every year since my husband and I first met, "it" started much later. During many of those seasons past, "it" started late and ended early, or remained submerged, barely, under the surface. The last two seasons, of course, "it" ran amuck. Not even the summer of 1984, when the Chicago Cubs piled victory upon victory, could push "it" away.

I'm sure you have guessed what "it" is. Total, unbridled, flipped-out, screaming L-U-N-A-C-Y!!!

"It" starts with the Bear Fight song. Over and over and over. . . . This from a man whose voice is so bad, he was ordered to lip sing during his high school graduation ceremony because he was throwing everyone near him off key! (Once he sang it to the Bears at Lincoln Park Zoo. They all ran for cover.)

My house, while it might not be the Taj Mahal, it most certainly is not the "Rowdy Section" in the bleachers that he turns it into every fall. I'm actually happy when game day comes so I can leave for the "quiet" of a shopping mall!

And now all of this madness, this lunacy, has started six weeks early.

"It" began when I was awakened one night by strange sounds. They were coming from Lenny and sounded like he was in pain.

I woke him gently, and asked if he was O.K. He said, "It was 3rd and 3, and then Walter went off tackle, bounced off a linebacker, and ran over the corner. First Down."

My response was not very lady-like.

About an hour later, I was again awakened. This time I grabbed my pillow and held it over his head until he woke up.

"What are you doing?" He gasped.
"You were playing defense," I said.
He asked how I knew.
"Simple", I said. "You were barking in your sleep!"

Barb Levy
Glenview, IL

Ready To Defend Crown

Dear Doug,

Congratulations to the Chicago Bears on their outstanding 1985 season which was capped off by the most impressive Super Bowl performance ever.

It was like a dream-come-true for me when the Bears captured the Super Bowl title. I've been a very loyal Bear fan for almost 20 years and it really meant the world to me when the Bears won the NFL championship. The exciting moments in the Bears' 1985 campaign will always be cherished by their fans.

The BEAR REPORT did an excellent job of capturing all of the highlights of the unforgettable championship season. I look forward to reading each BEAR REPORT issue. Doug, you and your staff keep up the fine work.

It's always tough to repeat as champions, but I feel the Bears have what it takes to do the job in 1986. Coach Mike Ditka has done a great job with the Bears and he'll have them ready to take a shot at defending their crown.

I was glad to see the Bears sign defensive end/linebacker Al Harris. Hopefully, the team can also sign former All-Pro safety Todd Bell. The Bears will miss cornerback Les Frazier and wide receiver Dennis McKinnon who are expected to miss the season because of knee injuries. Rookie Vestee Jackson (cornerback) and David Williams (wide receiver) could play key roles with the absence of Frazier and McKinnon. I'm looking forward to watching rookie running back Neal Anderson in action. Anderson will be a dependable backup for Walter Payton and will contribute to the team for many years to come.

On behalf of all Bear fans, good luck to the Monsters of the Midway this season.

A Loyal Bear Fan,
Greg Ceille
Warner Robins, GA

One And Only Payton

Dear Doug,

I've been a Bear fan for all 27 years of my life. But in all my time in front of a TV, by a radio and VCR, I have never watched a better all-around player (not to mention the best at his position) both on and off the field. Until only recently has he been getting only some of the credit he so justly deserves. When he

gives up the game, it indeed will be a sad day for all true sports fans. Anyone who thinks there is someone who can even stand in the same stadium as he, ask them how long they can stay with him on his hill. I speak of the one and only WALTER.

Jim Kaufman
Decatur, IL

Variety Of Problems

Dear Doug,

I'm writing to you because I have yet to receive any of my 1986 BEAR REPORTS I had a change of address to New Jersey, but I sent my check in May and still haven't received anything.

I was planning to attend at least three games this year, but haven't received an application for tickets which I usually get in the mail at the end of July. It upsets me greatly that I've been a Bears fan for going on 12 years, and a subscriber for 6 years, and never had any problems. But now that they have won the Super Bowl, it seems that they don't need fans like me. I have followed them through a lot of terrible seasons, and now that they won the Super Bowl, I feel lost.

I hope you can straighten this problem out as soon as possible. Also, it would be nice to know if I can still get tickets for this year. I would like to see them play the Eagles.

Tony Papay
Waretown, NJ

Editor's Note: Tony, hopefully by the time you read this issue, your subscription problem has been resolved. . . As far as tickets are concerned, you're out of luck. The Bears have informed us all games are sold out this season.

Fans

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tory with the Bears enjoying a comfortable lead.

"It feels real good to have the fans with me though," he said. "It gives me confidence and I'm really looking forward to the national TV game this Saturday because my school friends in Oregon and my family in San Diego will be able to see me play," added Barnes.

From a distance they'll be cheering for him, while the partisans at Soldier Field enjoy the newfound contributions from those who haven't earned headlines in the past. But maybe it's those kind of contributions that will be the ingredient to deliver the encore of another fantasy season.

The barking has just begun.



THOMAS SANDERS fights off the Colts' John Haines in Saturday's game at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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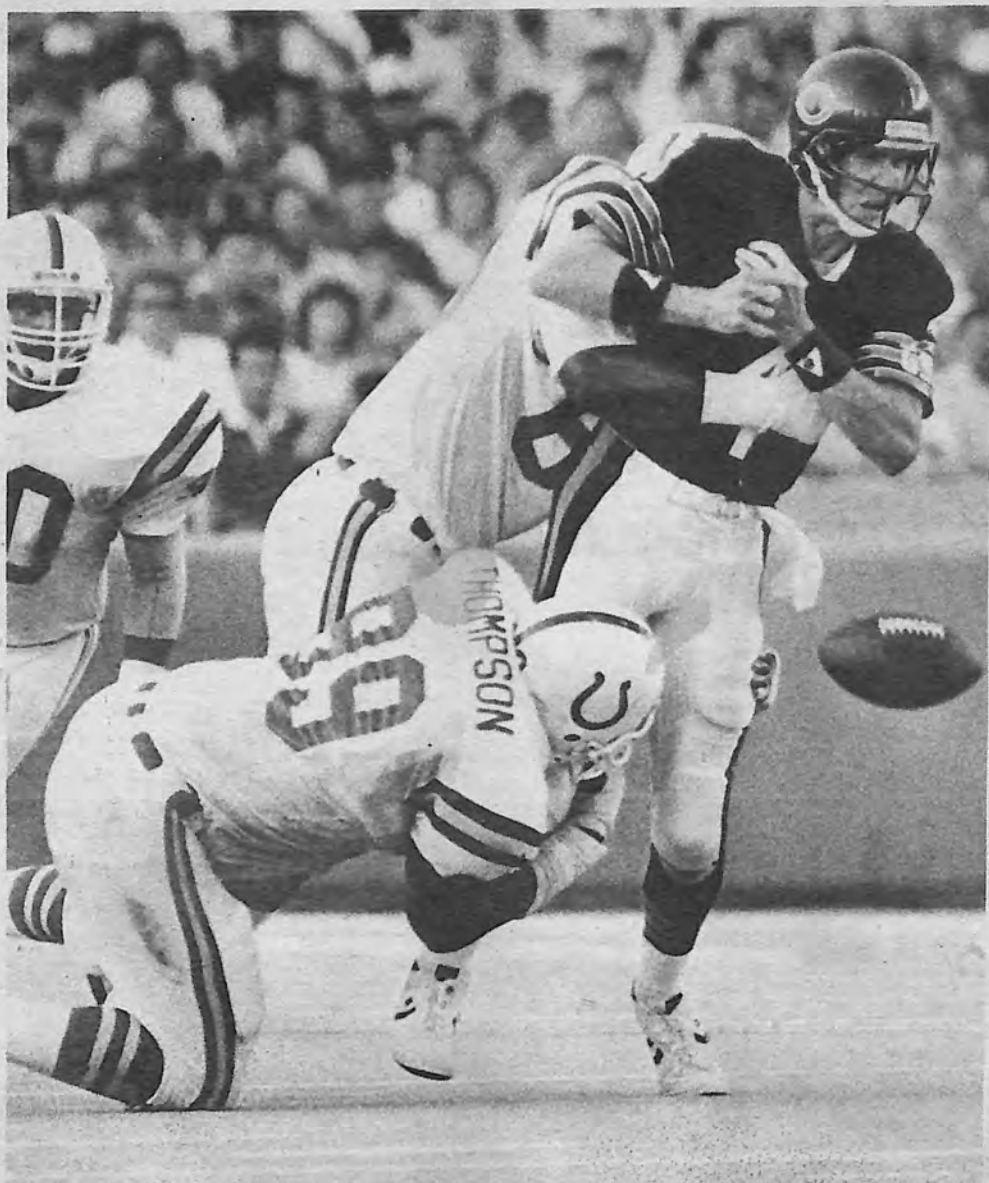
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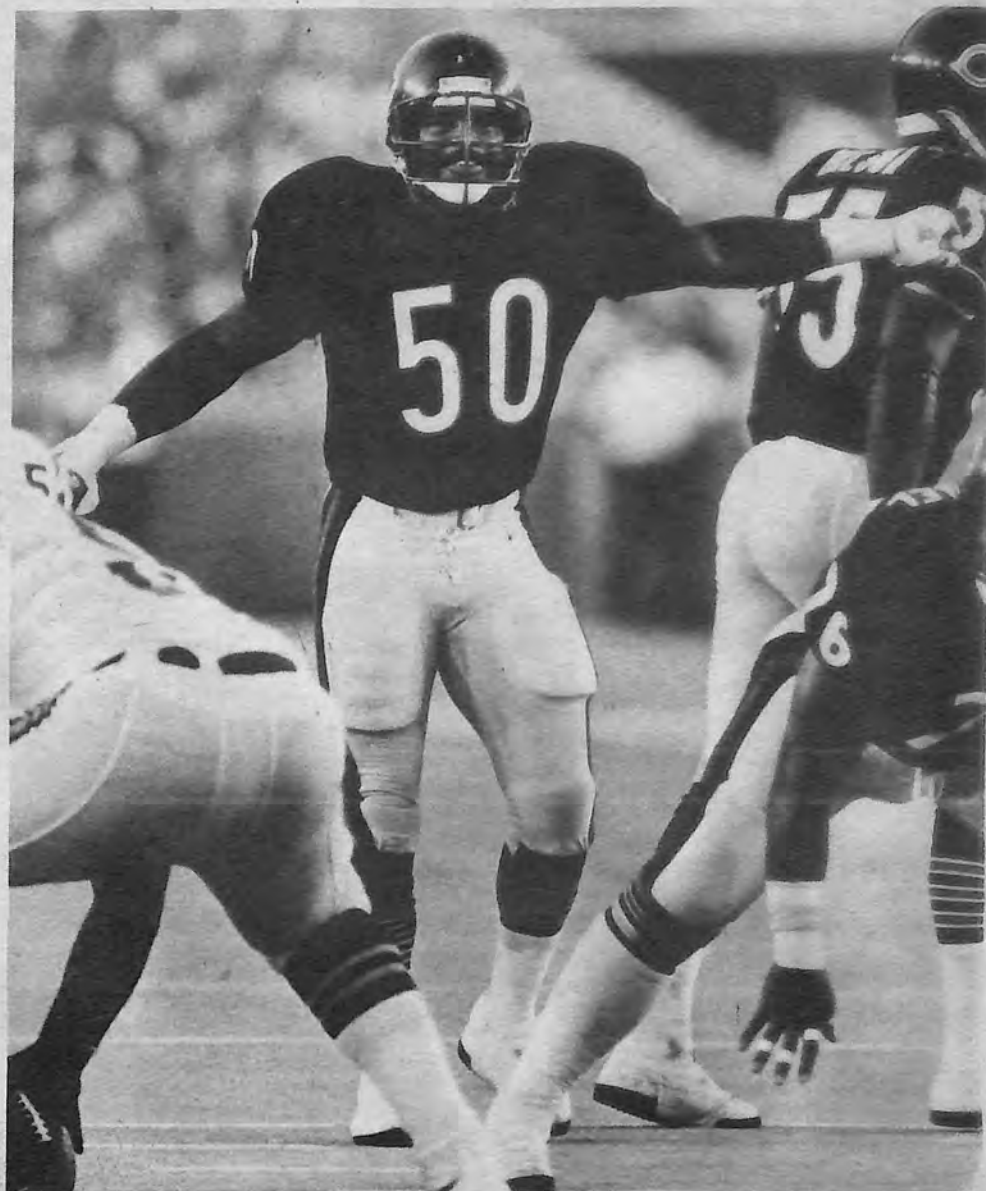
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STEVE FULLER fumbles the ball after getting hit hard in the first half of Saturday's game against the Colts. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



MIKE SINGLETARY was back directing traffic during the Bears' first home game in 1986 Saturday night. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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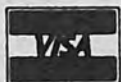
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